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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENSURING ROBUSTNESS IN NATURAL  
LANGUAGE UNDERSTANDING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A method and system, which may be implemented by  
employing a program storage device readable by machine, and  
tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by  
the machine to perform method steps for ensuring robustness  
of a natural language understanding (NLU) system, includes  
10 tagging recognized words of a command input to the NLU  
system to associate the command with a context, and  
translating the command to at least one formal command based  
on the tagged words. A top ranked formal command is  
determined based on scoring of the tagged recognized words  
15 and scoring translations of the at least one formal command.  
Whether the top ranked formal command is accepted is  
determined by comparing a feature vector of the top ranked  
formal command to representations of feature vectors stored  
in an accept model. The top ranked formal command is  
20 executed if accepted and incorrect commands are prevented  
from execution to provide a robust NLU system.